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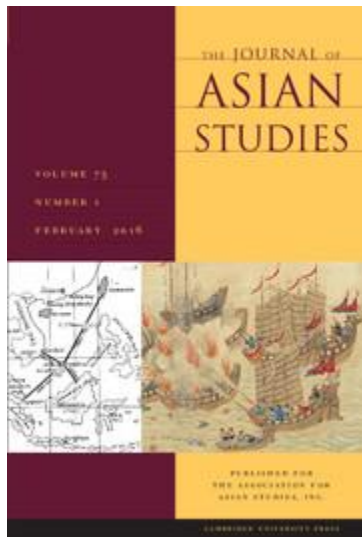
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In the brand new May 2009 issue, just up on the Cambridge University Press website, readers will find, free for now at least, two relatively short (four to six-thousand words) pieces in the *Journal of Asian Studies*' new "[Asia Beyond the Headlines](#)" series—one by Berkeley economist [Pranab Bardhan](#) is on China-India comparisons, while the other is a take by USC political scientist [Stanley Rosen](#) (who took part in the Brookings Institution panel that was [the subject of a recent post](#) by Teresa Wright) on youth and politics in China.

The third piece is a full-length one (with illustrations) on Confucian temples by University of Wisconsin art historian [Julia Murray](#) (a contributor to *China in 2008*) who deals with the past and also the present (the cover of the issue shows an image from her illustrated piece). Here's [the link](#) (once there, each is a click away to read in HTML or as PDFs).

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